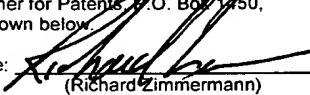


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to an Office Action dated July 21, 2005. This response is timely filed in view of the petition and fee for a two-month extension of time filed herewith.

Amendments to the specification: none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.